



TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

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Dear Ms. Stewart:

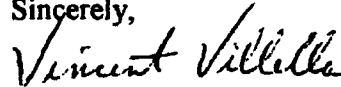
In response to your letter of May 2, 1998 stating that the Town of Riverhead did not invite the Montaukett Tribe of Long Island to be represented on the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), please be advised that the U.S. Navy notified the community in October to solicit volunteers to serve on the RAB. Anyone interested was invited to submit their name and affiliation, if any, directly to the Navy. No special outreach is generally made to any particular special interest group in order to not exclude any party, however it is expected by the Navy that public notices and information will reach throughout the community through print media primarily. If Gail Boyd or any other representative of your group wishes to participate in the RAB process, please notify Mr. James Colter, U.S. Navy Remedial Project Manager, at (610) 595-0567 x163. The Town of Riverhead neither solicits nor selects RAB members and the failure of any Montaukett to apply should not be attributed to the Town of Riverhead. As I understood Ms. Judithanne Hare, U.S. Navy Manager Industrial Facilities Contracting Officer, at the first RAB meeting on April 29, it is essential that participants attend regularly the quarterly meetings of the RAB. The public is also welcome to attend.

Let me clarify as well what appears to be confusion regarding the environmental remediation process. The land to be remediated is to be retained by the U.S. Navy until cleanup is completed. Your comment that the "land is being transferred with major environmental concerns unresolved... the federal government is giving away its problem to the town..." etc. is inaccurate. This property transfer is subject to Section 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 USC Section 9620(h)(3) and all areas to be conveyed this year have been determined to be clean.

Finally, the Town of Riverhead has evaluated significant amounts of information over a four year period and while we realize that you have only recently begun to do so, be assured that the town's consideration of proposals for reuse is not premature and that all comments and input made by you on behalf of your client have been seriously considered by the Town of Riverhead and the U.S. Navy.

Again, we continue to be interested in your developing proposal for lease or purchase of all or a portion of the Calverton site. When you feel it is appropriate to make a presentation of the uses and economics of said proposal, the RDC stands ready to accommodate the scheduling requirements of the Montaukett Tribe of Long Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent Villella".

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